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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY ON
INTRODUCTION OF CHAIRMAN BLACKBURN'S
OPEN INTERNET PRESERVATION ACT**

WASHINGTON, December 19, 2017. -- "I applaud Chairman Blackburn for introducing the Open Internet Preservation Act. A legislative solution, which I have long advocated, would provide clear Congressional direction and limited legal authority for such purposes. This bill is a thoughtful approach, includes necessary boundaries, and offers a realistic opportunity for compromise and finality on this much-debated issue."

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